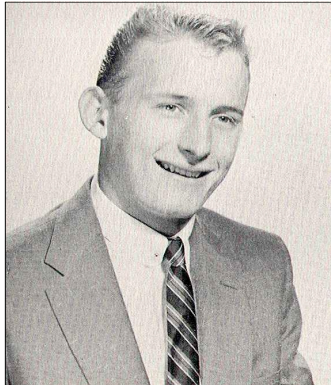




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Dover High Wins National Award US News & World Report Awards "Silver" Medal

DOVER - The national magazine that is noted for ranking the best colleges in America is now ranking the best high schools in America. Analyzing over 21,000 high schools across America in the 2006-2007 school year, Dover High School was among 504 schools, nationwide, awarded "silver medals," along with 40 other New Jersey schools.

Only two other high schools in Morris County, Chatham and Madison were awarded the honors for outstanding achievement in ensuring the school serves all its students needs, using state proficiency benchmarks.

The silver medal status also means the high school has college readiness indexes of at least 20 and the AP test scores results of those students. The top 100 schools in the study were awarded "gold" status while others got "silver," "bronze" or

honorable mentions.

According to school officials, the Dover school district adopted over 274 new course curriculums and offered new courses, such as the college biology and English composition programs.

According to Superintendent Robert Becker, "We are proud of our progress and very proud to receive recognition for the hard work and dedication exhibited by our staff and students."

Dover High

School began in 1885 at the old Northside School on McFarlan St. when eleven students completed courses beyond the scope of the elementary grade levels. It would take six years before any additional

students completed the higher level program.

In 1891, seven students completed the course. In 1896, the two-year high school program was replaced with a three-year program. In 1901 a four-year course of study was introduced with six students graduating. By 1916, with the student population rapidly growing, a new high school was constructed on Myrtle Avenue.

Today, Dover High School ranks among the best in America.



Dorothy's "First" Tea Party A Huge Success

By **Brenda Woodhull**
DOVER-It was a warm September day, but a little cloudy as our Dover Museum happily welcomed over 120 guests into her parlors. The outside and the side porch were decorated with beautiful purple and yellow mums and a sign reading "welcome." Just inside, the smell of "mom's" kitchen

invited guests through the door and brought back those fond memories of coming home to mom's dinner for that special occasion in our younger years. Could the aroma be from the light and luscious cucumber rounds,



(cont. pg 10) Delicious "Yummies" at Tea Party

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 Helen & Bob Slack, Dover

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 John Kuzel, Denville
 Elizabeth Olney, Dover
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 Michael Srsich, Rockaway
 Arlene Wright, Murphysboro, IL

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 Willard Benson, Central, SC
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 Ennette M. Boyiatgis, Dover
 Brock Flavia, Dover
 Edith Brown, Wharton
 Walter Buczek, Totowa
 Frances Campbell, Belleview
 Nan Cannon, Dover
 Pat Carthage, Lake Hopatcong
 Phil & Mary Carthage, Belfast, ME

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Dorothy's Secret "Love" Letters

Dover Teenager Hides Letters In Museum House Nearly 100 Years Ago

Editors Note: The "secret letters" belonging to **Dorothy Condict** were discovered when a volunteer work crew from the Dover Masonic Lodge were removing a water damaged ceiling on the second floor. A box of letters came crashing down and at first no one could figure out why a box of old letters would come from a ceiling. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the ceiling space on the second floor was actually a floor space on the third floor.

Checking the third floor a secret hiding place was found in the floor. This is where Dorothy's secret love letters were hidden away for nearly 100-years.

The following are just a few of the letters found. A complete booklet of the letters along with a biography of the Dr. Condict family will be published by **Marilyn Patterson** and should be released sometime in 2009.



Dorothy Condict's 1921 Dover High School photograph.

We must remember, these letters were written at a time when the Morris Canal still ran through Dover; the trolley cars still ran up and down Blackwell Street; the Ulster Iron Works; the Richard & Boynton Stove Works; Guenther's Hosiery Mill; the Dover Speedway along with the Baker and Playhouse theaters were still in full operations.

Also, this was a time when little girls were "sugar and spice and everything nice" and boys were "snips and snails and puppy dog tails."

At the time, some of these letters were really "juicy" and that's why little Dorothy hid them away out of the reach of her parents and older sisters.

Dot's Love Letters

Love Letter 1

Dear Dot x x x

Do you love me and am I your fellow you have not answered my last note and I thought you were mad at me. Dot, if you love me will you give me a picture of yourself. I am fourteen years old and my birthday is January 25 1902

Roses are Red
Violets are blue
Sugar is sweet

and so are you

If you love me send me back this poem and if I am your fellow tell me in your next note and soon.

Marcus

Love Letter 10

Sept. 4, 1917

Tuesday

Dear Dot,

Don't think because I didn't answer before that I am mad because I'm not I love you yet. I suppose you are mad tho because I didn't answer before are'nt you? Hope you not, dear.

Am sorry you have a cold but I am with you for I have one too.

Edna didn't see me at Call.

Instead of mailing we'll write notes and get them noon time at school if your sisters will get the mail.

You said (You wished you could give me these yourself) (XXXX) Well so do I. And I shall try to give you some myself too sometime. Hay, what do you say?

Now don't say nothing about this to anyone.

Do you love or even like Merit White. I heard something that makes me think you do. Don't ask me where I heard it, for I won't tell or don't say anything to Merit about it. I hope are not starting the same old game that Nell played on me for I love you too much for that. X X X X X X

X X X X X

I wish I was giving these to you real. Don't you?

Love Letters (Cont.)

Love Letter 11

Dear Dot,

I am glad to know that you are the kind of a girl that doesn't get mad at a little thing or even small-large thing. Yes I know you love to much to get mad at me for not ans. so soon. I am also glad to know that you love me enough to say I can kiss you as much as I like. Well you can kiss or hug me as much as you like too.

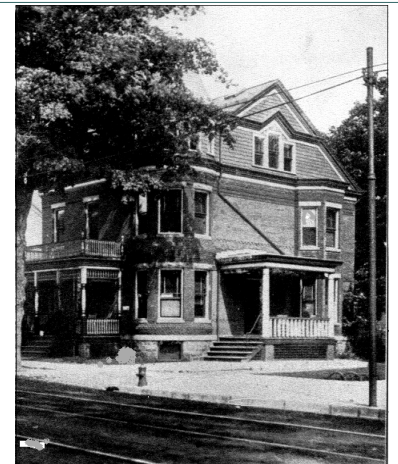
I was very glad to know that you don't love Meritt. If you meant what you said (You only love me) we will never have any trouble for I

know that (I only love you) You know I don't want you to love anybody else.

I shall try to arrange it so that I am in Platts room the 5th period. And if I can I want a seat by you too. I didn't go to the show late I was just out between the acts. You seem to be glad to see me any time. Even at the show when I was even sitting by you. You know I love you so much that I am glad to see you if its only for a minute—even in that minute I feel like kissing you. Yes the play was good.

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The Dover Museum House as it looked when Dorothy lived there in 1915.



The Fate of Dover's Historic Singleton Silk Mill

DOVER-When **Ellen Forbes**, (longtime member of the historical society and one of the original founders of the Dover Renaissance), found out that a developer wanted to redevelop the old historic Singleton Silk Mill on Park Heights Ave. she sprang into action. Her biggest fear was the fact this historic treasure belonging to Dover's history would be alerted or removed forever.

Ellen's first efforts were to meet with town officials and appear before town committees to make everyone aware of the historic significance of this site to the Town of Dover.

The immediate area surrounding the mill was once part of Jackson's Forge. Here **John Jackson** of Flushing, Queens became Dover's first citizen in 1722 by erecting a forge along Granny's Brook. In 1753 he sold part of his property to **Moses Hurd** (Hurd Park) and

another part to **Hartshorn Fitz Randolph** (Randolph Twp.).

According to Munsell's History Of Morris County, in 1880 **Alpheus Beemer** erected a large brick building on the site to "furnish room for 200 hands to manufacture American silk." The factory became the Singleton Silk Manufacturing Co. and by 1885 became part of the firm of **Baker & Ross** who owned another mill in Port Oram (Wharton.)

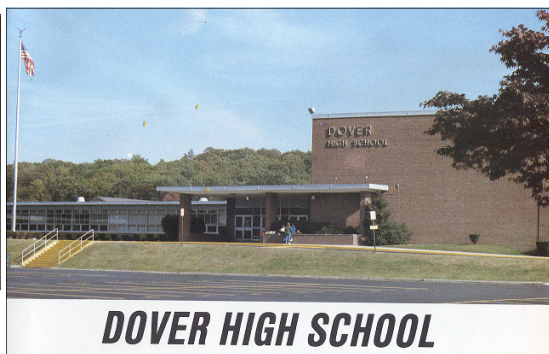
In 1932 the mill was taken over by **Carson & Gebel** and ribbon was produced there until the 1980s.

The developer has appeared before various committees and boards in town and it appears he wants to restore the historic factory to 125-rental units with the promise of keeping the historic exterior of the building. The surrounding buildings will be razed .



This mill at 91 Park Heights Ave. is a long rectangular factory built of brick arranged in a common design. Granny's (Jackson) Brook separates the front and back sections of the property and contains a small dam and a small bridge, now closed. The right rear of the property contains the estate (The Mayor's House) of Dover's former mayor, **Mayor John Roach Jr.**

The Three Great Dover High School Buildings



1885 McFarlan Street Building, 1918 Myrtle Ave. & 1965 Grace Street Bld.

DOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Compliments of Joyce Lake Dover	Compliments of Don & Jean Alperti Oakcreek, CO	Compliments of John D'Agostino Landing	Compliments of Wm. & Nancy Kattermann, Dover	Compliments of Frank & Grace Hamilton, Old Lyme, CT
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Dorothy's Letters

(Cont. from page 3)

*Yes real kisses have got these- X beat a mile. I wish I could spend every night with you like I did last. Don't you. Next time my mother goes out I'll tell you to come up again and that time I wont I wont wait untill you you to kiss & hug unless you say not to and you wouldn't do that would you? Tell the truth don't you wish I had started the hugging & kissing right away instead of waiting? Now don't you?
I would like to every night with you hugging*

*& kissing you. How about you? With real XX too. Hay what do you say?
Russ
XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXX
This is some writing
Love Letter 19
Dear Sweetheart,
What is the matter with you, you act as if would like to knock my head off. What have I done now that you don't like. If its because I talked to Helen Stone don't get mad you know that I won't quit you. You know I love you and still about every seven or eight days you seem mad.*

*Sekt wasn't allowed to come out of the house last night so I went alone. I was wishing you were with me. Don't get mad so easy. My mother & father are going out tonight will you be up. Hoping you ____ me so we can have some real XXXXXXXXXXXXX and hugs. Russ
Love Letter 22
Mon. Sept. 9, 1918
Ive you would like to go out for a canoe ride tonight meet me under the Hudson St Bridge at 7.30 Ans. This noon in Miss Hedden's Cloak Room whether you will go or not. If you are not going to be generous don't go. You no what I mean. Will you go tonight
7.15 Hudson St. Bridge*

Dover High's Greatest Football Player

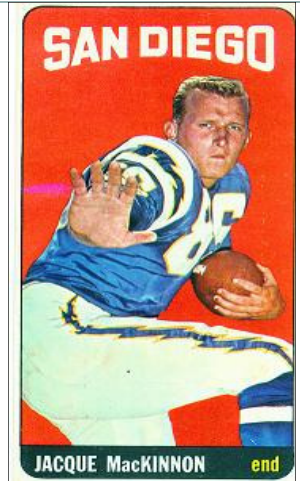
DOVER-Dover High School's most famous football player is still remembered and talked about in the halls of the school. A 1957 graduate of Dover High, **Jacque (Jack) MacKinnon** went on to fame in college and professional football. Born on November 10, 1938 Jack lived on Pequannock Street and attended the old Northside elementary school. Jack was always very athletic and was also a member of the Dover Cadets. In high school, Jack was a three-sport Dover Tiger excelling in football. He took his talents on to college where he starred in football and track at Colgate University. He took his football skills onto the professional level playing one year for the Oakland Raiders before being signed by the San Diego Chargers. Jack played with the Chargers of the American Football League for nine years from 1961 to 1969. Playing for the Chargers resulted in his honorary membership into the team's Hall of Fame in 1976 becoming one of the first inductees. During his career with the Chargers he was primarily a tight end but also

saw action as a fullback, tackle and guard. Jack is listed among the top receivers and rushers in the San Diego media guide. In a 1968 game against the Denver Broncos he caught six passes for 172 yards and averaged 28.7 yards per catch resulting in two touchdowns. In a 1962 game against Buffalo, Jack gained 102 yards on 17 carries, an average of 6.0 yards per attempt. Jack was an AFL All-Star in 1966 and 1968. Jack's jersey numbers were 38 and 85.

Jack is the only Dover High School athlete ever to be featured on sports cards appearing on four regular issues of "Topps Cards" as well as some minor cards and stickers. To this day, Jack's memory is alive and well with his high school jersey along with photographs on display in a case just outside the main gymnasium.

Jack MacKinnon passed away on March 6, 1975.

**Compliments of
Rob & Rose Tiefenbacher
Lafayette**



TOPPS PRO FOOTBALL 167 JACQUE MacKINNON SAN DIEGO CHARGERS END

HEIGHT: 6-04 WEIGHT: 280 AGE: 28
COLLEGE: Colgate YEARS IN AFL: 9

In 1954, Jacques finished third on the San Diego Chargers in rushing. Now a tight end, Jacques is literally a "Jack of all trades." The big native of New Jersey has played tackle, end and guard for the Chargers in 1961 and fullback and halfback in 1962. Jacques wrestles in the off-season.

PASS RECEIVING RECORD				
	NO.	YDS. GAINED	LONGEST	TDL.
YEAR	38	577	37	0
LIFE	33	622	69	6

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Jacque MacKinnon

This is a 1951 photo of his grade 6 Class at NorthSide. **Jack** is in the 3d row (start from bottom right to upper left). He is the third student (blond hair), right behind **Frank Zanotti**. By the way, **Don Brill** is standing right next to the teacher.



Jackson Forge Dig?

Catherine Messmer, a historic preservationist, suggested the following to the Town of Dover: "It would be important to conduct archaeological research in an attempt to locate the site of the Jackson forge."(November 17, 2005)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday * Jan. 20th * 7:30 pm
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Museum House
HISTORIC DOVER PHOTOS BY RICK KELLY
No Charge - Refreshments served

Tues. & Thurs. Feb. 10th & Feb. 12th
DINING TO DONATE AT IHOP
Dine at Kenvil IHOP 7 am—10 pm
20% of receipts donated to the DAHS

Tuesday * Feb. TBA * 7:30 pm
Dover High Decade of the 70s HONORING DOVER HIGH'S NATIONAL AWARD
Location: TBA
Donation - Refreshment served

March 2009 * Date T.B.A.
GRAND OPENING OF DOVER MUSEUM
Museum House
No Charge - Refreshments served
Call 973-361-3525 for more info.

Tuesday * April T.B.A. * 7:30 pm
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
History of Paul Guenther's Hosiery Mills
Guenther Mills on King St.
Small donation - Refreshments served
Call 973-361-3525 for info.

Memorial Day * May 25th * 7:00 pm
Movie at the Baker Theater
"YANKEE DOODLE DANDY"
Small donation - Refreshments served

JUNE 2009 - GHOST WATCH

DONATIONS SO FAR FOR 2009

- **\$500.00 donation from the American Legion Ladies Aux
 - **\$25.00 donation from Joan Munson, Dover
 - **\$25.00 donation from Leroy & Edith Varga, Dover
 - **\$25.00 donation from Ralph MacNaughten, Dover
 - ** \$5000.00 donation from Bill Richardson in memory of Sam Johnston
 - ** \$50.00 donation from Rick Kelly, Dover
 - ** \$20.00 donation from First Tea Management
Dave Biagini
 - ** \$25.00 donation from Joan & Allen Bocchino, Dover
 - ** \$25.00 donation from Nick's Barber Shop, Dover
 - ** \$25.00 donation in Memory of Loretta Slattery
 - ** \$50.00 donation from Walter Buczek, Totowa
 - ** \$50.00 donation from Robert & Mary Flanagan, Dover
 - ** \$50.00 donation from Atlantic Highlands Historical Society, Atlantic Highlands, NJ
 - ** \$100.00 donation from Rev. James Slattery, Dover
 - ** \$100.00 donation from Kay Walker, Dover
 - ** \$431.00 donation from businesses through Dover Area Chamber of Commerce
 - ** \$2.00 donation from Charlene Sue May, Manassas, VA
 - ** \$7.00 donation from Kenneth Miller, Mine Hill
 - ** \$3650.00 grant from the Morris Co. Heritage Comm.
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THANK YOU LETTER FOR "BEYOND THE D"

To Whom It May Concern:

I really enjoyed **Joan Bocchino's** column – "Beyond the D." I lived in Dover 1943 – 1966. I graduated from DHS in 1960. I have many fond memories of several restaurants in the Dover area, many of them long gone.

Llewellyn Farms, The Three Sisters, The Brookside Inn, Larison's Turkey Farms and of course Dick's Diner right across the street from the high school. Travelers Diner was a good place for breakfast or lunch. There was Senatore's on Route 10 and great hamburgers at Zanelli's. What about Schneibal's Ice Cream Parlor, anybody remember it? Chinese restaurants were hard to come by, but there was always "House of Lam" in Morristown. Dover later had the Shantung. The best pizza was to be found at the Reservoir Tavern. I hope you can use some of this material.

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

(Cont. from page 2)

Ann Cortese, Morris Plains
Jeanne Crofton, Scotch Plains
Hank Crouse, Underhill, VT
Peter Cullen, Clifton
Ed Daniels, Dover
Francisco DeJesus, Dover
Catharine DeShazo, Dover
Thomas & Ellen DeShazo, Frenchtown
Alexander D. Everitt, Lafayette
Robert Fancher, Wharton
H. Robert Feinberg, Wesley Chapel, FL
Shirley E. Ferriero, Boonton
Russell Fine, Milford, PA

Robert & Mary Flanagan, Dover
Roger Flartey, Mine Hill
Carole Garnet, Dover
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Marion McKane, Dover
Gloria Melnick, Atlanta, GA
Byard & Linda Miller, Heber Springs, AR

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Have you paid your 2009 dues?

Historic Painting "Missing" From Library Wall

DOVER-Recently, **Edith Varga** walked into the Dover Public Library and noticed, to her shock, the historic painting "The Peaceful Charm of the Woods and Water" was missing from the wall. The painting that hung there for nearly 70-years was gone. Edith immediately met with **Rob Tambini** inquiring as to the whereabouts of the painting.

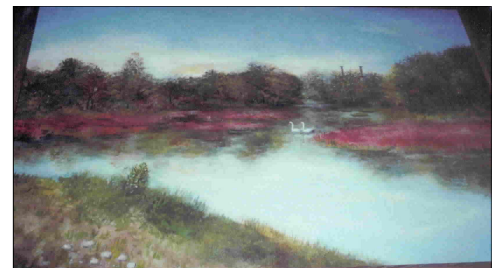
He explained to her that the library walls were recently painted and the painting had not been rehung. He pointed

out to her some of the problems he had noticed with the painting.

Edith explained that the painting was done by artist **Kate Sutton** and donated to the public library by the Dover Women's Club in 1934.

Mr. Tambini said he would have a Morristown Conservationist examine the painting and the library would pay for any necessary repairs, i.e. a new frame to stabilize the painting.

Hopefully, through the efforts



of Edith, the painting will be back home on the wall at the library.

Stan Schoonmaker's "Outreach Program"

DOVER-You've probably heard the old saying "one vote can make a difference." Well in the Dover Area Historical Society, one man can make all the difference in the world. That person is Stan Schoonmaker. Day after day, week after week and even year after year Stan has used his ability and technology talents to present the history of Dover to its members, school children, town citizens, town officials and even to residents of other communities and organizations. Here's the story:

Computer Technology, Catalyst for the Dover Area Historical Society Outreach Program By Stan Schoonmaker

It was a little over ten years ago when the DAHS decided to take on the project of publishing a new photo history of the Town. With the help and direction of Arcadia Publishers, Inc., old photos were collected, captions were written by numerous Society members and the

materials were forwarded on to the printer. Outside of the use of simple word processing, no photo technology was available to the Society nor used by the writers of the book. All photos, in original form, had to be mailed to the publisher. All were returned to the owners without incident.

Within a year of the printing of the History of Dover, we were introduced to new computer programs such as PowerPoint, iPhoto and later Keynote, making it possible to scan our photos, crop and enlarge and print them and, in many cases to clear up marks and smudges on the originals. With PowerPoint and Keynote it became possible to develop our own slide shows. With the receipt of a grant from PNC Bank, the Society was able to purchase a LCD Projector and we were in business. This soon became the prime method of presenting Dover's History to our Society



Stan presenting one of his popular photo programs at the Dover Museum House

members as well as to other audiences. Recognizing how simple these slide programs could be taken beyond the Actual Society meetings, an Outreach Program was instituted to take Dover's History to all sorts of different audiences. With shows such as:

Outreach

The History of Dover, Morris Canal In Dover, Dover's Churches, Dover Speedway, The Railroad in Dover's History, Dover Schools, Blackwell Street, the Picatinny Explosion and many others, audiences were both entertained and educated about local history. Numerous venues were utilized to present these shows, including: the Baker Theater, Dover Moose Lodge, Dover General, our new Museum and many other sites such as in the Dover Public Schools, Senior Citizen groups, other Historical Societies, local Service Clubs and local Churches.

I, personally, have spent considerable time learning the operation of these different software programs. Much of my instruction in their operation came from my daughter who is an educator in Dover Schools. Today, my collection of Dover photos exceeds 15,000 in my iphoto library. The Outreach Program has expanded to providing local businesses with photographs to attract the attention of customers. Many attractive displays have been established in such places as Dover General Hospital, Dover Town Hall and Attilios Tavern as well as in the Dover Library, the Schools and, of course, the Museum.

Mac's Keynote Program for developing presentations; however, as new technology is developed, I hope we can get on board and continue to expand our Outreach Program, carrying Dover's exceptional history to Morris County and beyond. We are now capable of converting our photo shows into DVD format allowing us to reproduce them and get them to old Doverites who no longer live in this area. A number of such shows have already been presented to retired Dover groups in Florida.

Compliments of Rotary Club of Dover Dover

Compliments of Rev. James Slattery Dover

2009 Membership Dues deadline: 3/31/09

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

(Cont. from page 6)

- Karl & Ginny Miller, Hayes, VA
- Roy & Marion Miller, Dover
- Mrs. Ruth A. Monahan, Randolph
- John & Shirley Morrison, Brooksville, FL
- Dorothy O'Leary, Hanover Joyce & Mathew O'Malley, Lehigh Acres, FL
- Raymond Porphy, Ridge Spring, SC
- Mabel Poulos, Dover
- Diane Power, Rockaway Twp
- Edna Rawson, Dover
- Edward Reich, Dover
- Martha Salvesen, Dover
- Jean Schneider, Randolph

- Donald Seath, Wharton
- Carolyn Ward Seeger, E. Stroudsburg
- Lorraine Shallop, Dover
- Betty Shunk, Dover
- Jack & Marie Slater, Rockaway
- Mary Storey, Manchester
- Alfreta Suter, Dover
- Dolores Tate, Belhaven, NC
- Marion, Thriemer, Murphysboro, IL
- James Visioli, Dover
- Ellen Visioli, Morristown
- Marsha Vitow, Baltimore, MD
- Louisa Wall, Dover
- Marge Weber, Birdsboro, PA
- Clara Wolford, Dover

**** SPECIAL NOTICE ****

In February 2009, the Dover Area Historical Society will be honoring Dover High School for its outstanding performance and national award from the US News & World Report.

A program you won't want to miss!

Also, enjoy "Dover High School In The Decade of the 70s" by Stan Schoonmaker

Congratulations to DHS!

Rerouting of Dover Train Derailed, Greenway Thrown Off-Course

TOWN HOPED TO TURN TRACKS INTO RIVERSIDE GREENWAY BY MICHAEL DAIGLE • DAILY RECORD • OCTOBER 6, 2008

DOVER—The plan to turn the Dover & Rockaway railroad track through the center of Dover into a riverside greenway has been derailed. The work would have been done in conjunction with the \$48.5 million state project now getting under way to rebuild two bridges and connect Routes 46 and 15. Leaving the track in place means the Morristown & Erie Railroad trains that use it will continue to pass slowly through downtown Dover as engineers stop at a dozen street crossings. State Transportation Department spokeswoman **Erin Phalon** gave no reason for the change. **Gerald Rohsler**, Morris County's director of transportation management, said the county would like to discontinue use of the D&R line through Dover for safety reasons. The county purchased the line to continue rail service to businesses along Green Pond Road in Rockaway

Township that need bulk shipments of materials and to ensure fewer trucks on local roads. The trains pass through Dover slowly, stopping at each street crossing to allow vehicles to clear before proceeding. Between Union and Warren streets, the tracks pass close to buildings. Morristown & Erie Vice President **Gordon Fuller** said "I guess we'll continue to roll through Dover. We have issues when there is snow in the winter and when bar patrons park their cars on the tracks." Dover **Mayor James Dodd** said he understood that environmental concerns relating to wetlands along the Rockaway Loop right-of-way, and possibly budget issues, ended consideration of that plan. He said the change is also disappointing because Dover had hopes of working with the Morris County Park Commission to develop the old rail bed into a greenway

along the Rockaway River through the center of Dover. The project is expected to take three years to complete. Rail enthusiasts and the local historical society had once talked about installing an old steam engine and rail cars next to town



The narrowest cut of the D&R Line through Dover is between the Schwarz Block building and the Laughing Lion.

Dover Area Historical Society Plays an Active Role

DOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY STEPS UP TO THE PLATE

By George Laurie

When first notified of the plans to replace the old rail lines, members of the Dover historical society objected to the removal of any historic artifacts from Dover. After all, these tracks were laid at great pain-and-sweat from our town's forefathers to make Dover a better place to live and prosper in. Meeting with town officials, the historical society was promised

that the section of tracks that run through the historic district (from Morris Street westward to Warren Street) would remain intact. The historical society agreed to this and wrote a letter indicating that the rest of the tracks served as no real historic value to the historical society. This letter was then submitted to the state and then on to the federal level.

The old Central Railroad out of Dover was originally constructed between Dover and Rockaway and designated as the "*Dover-Rockaway Railroad*", incorporated

in 1880 and opened for traffic in 1881.

This small road was built primarily as a connection between the Longwood Valley Railroad, which was controlled by the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Hibernia Mine Railroad which was operated by George Richards, Dover's first mayor. It was organized by **George Richards**, **Columbus Beach**, and **Henry McFarlan** all of Dover and other men from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts who were interested in the iron mines of the vicinity.

Mayor Richards "Dover First"

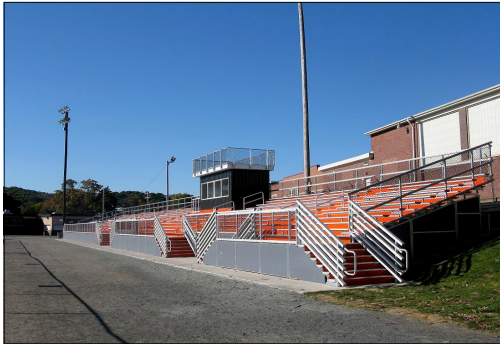
For many years **Mayor Richards** was suggesting to the President of Delaware Lackawanna & Western (DL&W) (formally the Morris & Essex) **Sam Sloan** that a spur be built from the DL&W into the part of Dover which was ripe for development, along the north side of the Rockaway River terminating at the Hibernia mines. Upon getting a cold shoulder to this idea, Mr. Richards wasted no time in negotiating with landowners along what was to be the right-of-way for

his railroad. The primary object of this new road and the other roads and branches forming at the time was to carry the iron ore to the furnaces at High Bridge and in the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania for use with the Pennsylvania ores. **George Richards** took great satisfaction that the iron would come from New Jersey and the very first rails used were the product of the Dover Iron Works.



The historic 1904 Central Railroad - Canal Boat Accident

Current Events In Historic Dover



Brand new bleachers were recently installed at **Hamilton Field**. The new stands, with a seating capacity for over 1,100 spectators, are bright orange with a black press box. The new handrails and ramps will provide for easy access which several members of the historical society have been requesting. Construction is also underway at the high school with new baseball and soccer fields that will meet all the new safety and access

standards. Construction is nearly completed at the new **Hilton Hotel** complex next to the FEDEX complex. Construction is also nearly completed on the new **Salem Street Bridge**. Finally, a new foot bridge has been constructed at **Hurd Park**. Visitors will now have access to the entire park while parking on Park Heights Ave. rather than the dangerous Route 46.



Children’s Workshop at the Museum Offers Creativity

DOVER-The Dover historical society under the direction of member Beth Olney, a local artist, hosted its’ first kids workshop at the museum. Two Saturdays in November several children participated in creating many holiday ornaments for a 24 ft tinsel-chain which was displayed in the lobby area of St. Clare’s-Dover General Hospital.

The children especially enjoyed the array of choices presented as each selected paint colors and bead shapes for

their designs. As facilitator, Beth found the highlight of the sessions to be the opportunity for creativity and to bring about a quality family event. All who participated were interested in attending future workshops at the museum. Future dates



The second Sat. the session started late due to the interest of the children in the museum. Joan Bocchino was able to give a tour of the museum house to the children’s delight.

Dover Blizzard of 1940

The Dover Blizzard of 1940 occurred on January 26th and 27th and dropped almost two feet of snow (21.6 inches) in 24 hours and helped set a record for the month of 28.5 inches.

Businesses were closed for a couple of days and some schools in the area were closed for up to a week. For the next six days following the storm, low temperatures dropped below zero with the coldest day setting a new all time record of -12°F. With just about everything coming to a standstill, digging parties were organized to establish rail service

The photo to the right is a view of Morris Street looking south toward the railroad tracks. Notice the marquee of the Playhouse Theater to the left.



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Dorothy's Tea Party "Memories"

(Cont. from page one) or Attilio's artichokes appetizers or their mozzarella crustinis, warm and wonderful? You know it smelled somewhat of a bake shop with Alice's brownies, Kathi's madelines, Brenda's honey cakes, and not to forget those famous Allan's Scandinavian almond bars. All of which had everyone enjoying the splendid array of choices in Tea. If the beautiful table settings of porcelain china, the depression glass and crystal, silver and gold overlay, lace tablecloths, lovely flower centerpieces didn't quite come up to your expectations, the door prizes did and put the tea party over the top.

Attilio's gave out about twenty appetizer gift coupons, a miniature collector shoe item, a brightly painted sunflower plate, a miniature tea luncheon set, all these prizes at each setting.

Now, as our guests were leaving, the question on everyone's mind was when our next Tea Party would be? All I can say right now is stay tuned.

The Tea Committee comprised of nine hard working, "dedicated to making this event a success," ladies you'll

ever need to meet. The help to set-up-and-serve and be at our beck-and-call list came from the Dover High School Key Club. Thanks to the men who got the rooms in shape, (I cannot list everyone for fear of omitting someone) you know who you are and we thank you.

Also, Mr. **Rick Kelly** for taking pictures that day, along with **Lisa** from Attilios. I also compiled our first-ever TEA scrap book for 2008. Stan and George as always....*they* are like the general store.....if you need something you will probably find it there.

Committee members included **Joan Bocchino, Phyllis Casey, Bonnie Deboney, Kathi Gilbert, Betty Inglis, Linda Mullin, Marilyn Patterson, Alice Wagner and yours truly Brenda Woodhull.**

Members and supporters of the Dover historical society would like to thank all those who attended and especially those who helped make this event such a success. The society raised over \$1200 of much needed money for expenses.

